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### LIMITED IS DERAILED, CARS ROLL DOWN BANK; FOUR KILLED, 32 HURT

**Fast Pennsylvania Train, Bound From Chicago to New York, Is Wrecked When Engine Truck Breaks East of Altoona, Pa.**

**RUNNING MILE A MINUTE TO MAKE UP LOST TIME**

**Two Women Among the Dead—Steel Coaches Slide Down to Ice-Covered River.**

The Pennsylvania Limited on the Pennsylvania Railroad, east bound, was wrecked at 11:52 o'clock today at Warrior's Ridge, thirty miles east of Altoona, Pa. Railroad officials report four killed and thirty-two injured. Of the dead two were women. The train was bound from Chicago to New York and was due here at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Unofficial reports give the number of dead at from five to fifteen. The wreck was in the nature of a derailment and the cars, rolling down an embankment, knocked over telegraph poles and put the telegraph system out of commission for a time.

The train was made up of eleven cars, all steel. There were three parlor cars, two sleepers, and a compartment sleeper and observation car from Chicago, one sleeper from St. Louis, one from Indianapolis and one from Cincinnati, a dining car from Pittsburgh and a mail car. Two locomotives were attached to the train and it was running at close to a mile a minute when a truck broke down on the second locomotive and tore up the track.

The mail car passed over the torn up rails and remained on the track. Every other car in the train, with the exception of the observation car at the extreme rear, left the roadway and turned over on an embankment alongside the Juniata River.

It is reported that two of the cars went to the river, but they do not appear to have been through the ice. 22 OF 104 PASSENGERS IN HOSPITAL; FOUR DEAD.

There were 104 passengers on the train. Of these, thirty-two are now in a hospital in Huntingdon, Pa., and four bodies have been taken to Altoona. Some of the injured in Huntingdon will probably die. The two women were killed outright.

Late this afternoon the Pennsylvania in this city, Philadelphia and Altoona insisted that the list of dead would not exceed four or five. All the victims who lost their lives are said to have been in one car, which turned completely over.

The locomotive and mail car ran a quarter of a mile past the scene of the wreck before they could be stopped. Another fast train just behind the limited.

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### BRANDT SCANDAL WITNESSES HEARD BY GRAND JURY

Inspector McLaughlin Among Those Called to Inquiry by Whitman.

PUBLIC TO HEAR ALL.

Commissioner Hand, for Governor, Will Investigate at Open Sessions.

Only two witnesses were examined by the Grand Jury to-day in the investigation into the case of Folke E. Brandt, the Socialist burglar. Former Inspector of Police William W. McLaughlin, who ordered the investigation into Brandt's record, was on hand with a Grand Jury subpoena, but he was not summoned before that body.

Instead he spent three-quarters of an hour with District Attorney Whitman and made a lengthy statement of his connection with the case. He refused to say whether or not he had been instructed to report again to-morrow.

A special messenger left Albany this afternoon with the appointment of Richard L. Hand as special commissioner to look into the Brandt case for Gov. Dix. The commission of appointment signed by the Governor recites that, since a pardon was denied to Brandt "it has been alleged that there exists certain facts and circumstances susceptible of proof, which do not appear in the records and proceedings upon which my decision was based, but which should have a material bearing upon the application for clemency."

District Attorney Whitman and Deputy Attorney-General McGuire had a long talk with Brandt this afternoon in Mr. Whitman's office. None of Brandt's lawyers was present.

The District Attorney's investigation before the Grand Jury is expected to result in indictments for conspiracy in the Brandt case. The evidence already given by Detective Woodbridge shows that the so-called criminal record of Brandt, signed by Woodbridge and submitted to Judge Rosalesky through McLaughlin was an untruthful statement, based upon information furnished to the detective by an interested source.

DE LANCEY NICOLL REPRESENTS GANS AS COUNSEL.

The evidence of McLaughlin is expected to make public the source from which this information as to Brandt's career was obtained. Documentary evidence in possession of the District Attorney to show that Howard Gans, counsel for Mortimer L. Schiff and a relative of the Schiff family, was deeply interested in showing the Court that Brandt's record was such as to warrant the imposition of a severe sentence. De Lancey Nicoll, who was retained yesterday as counsel for Gans, called on the District Attorney to-day and was closeted with him for an hour. As he was leaving the Criminal Courts Building he was asked if he had anything to say on behalf of his client.

"There is no need for me to say anything," was his reply. "You will have to get any information you are after from the District Attorney."

Judge Rosalesky was highly indignant to-day when he reached the Criminal Courts Building and was asked what he had to say about the charge that he had conferred with Jacob L. Schiff, Howard Gans, Police Inspector McLaughlin and a man named Rothschild at the Criterion Club, No. 63 Fifth avenue, on the night of March 31, 1907, while Brandt was in the Tombs awaiting sentence. The Judge had this comment to make:

"I was never present in the Criterion Club or any other place while Mr. Schiff, Mr. Gans or Inspector McLaughlin were present."

Mr. Hand, although notified of his appointment by Governor Dix only last night, began active preparations this morning for the investigation into the Brandt affair. His first step was to arrange for the use of a big room in the offices of the Public Service Commission, in the Tribune Building, for the public hearings. He had the use of this room during the Jerome investigation, which he conducted.

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"For why you shoot him?" he demanded of the bluecoats. "He often has them conviction fits."

The fat man was angry, his neck grew purple, he refused to give his name and he refused to take his dog and his gun. He fumed for five minutes. Then he lit his cigar and waddled on his way.

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### HOLD UP MEN NEAR WALL STREET STEAL \$25,000 FROM BANK CLERKS

**How Bandits Fled With \$25,000 From Taxi and Escaped on "L"**



#### WHY YOU KILL HIM? THAT DOG ONLY HAS CONNIPTION FITS!

But Two Policemen and Harlem Crowd Thought Stranger's Bull Had Rabies.

A fat man, leading by a chain chain a bulldog of the dreadnought variety, wended his way to-day along One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues. Suddenly the dog began to yell and howl and froth at the mouth. Persons nearby began to walk in the street.

The fat man calmly walked over to an iron post and tied up the dreadnought. The dog's yelps and howls grew in violence. Several hundred men, women and children hurried up. Many of the street women cleaned into bar rooms and stood trembling while the frothing dreadnought raced by. The fat man stood chewing his cigar.

The dog made several attempts to climb aboard baby carriages in its mad flight. Policemen Ryan of the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station drew his revolver and gave chase. The fat man stroled eastward chewing upon his cigar.

At Seventh avenue the dog turned southward, snapping at those he met and causing meek old men to climb lamp-posts and do marvelous acrobatics. The fat man on his crutches was so inspired by the howling terror that he ran half a block before he remembered his infirmity. Policemen Daly appeared at this point, drew his revolver, and joined in the chase. The fat man was still well in the rear chewing upon his cigar.

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#### MAN NEAR DEATH CLAIMS HIS SHOT KILLED GOV. GOBEL

James Gilbert, Formerly of Kentucky, Fatally Wounded in Duel, Accuses Himself.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 15.—Fatally wounded in a duel with a bartender here to-day, James Gilbert, who came from Kentucky, declared he was the man who fired the shot that killed Gov. Goebel at Frankfort in January, 1903. Gilbert said he had been a member of the Hargis faction, notorious in Kentucky for two generations. Gilbert came to Holmes three years ago. Recently he was made a deputy sheriff. County authorities declare he was without sense of physical fear.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 15.—James Gilbert's name did not appear in proceedings of the Goebel trial. Kentuckyans who were closely in touch with the Frankfort tragedy declare that after several men had been convicted and jailed, other men bragged they had been involved in the killing. It is impossible to verify Gilbert's story.

U. S. TROOPS CROSS BORDER INTO JUAREZ AND SET MEXICANS IN A WHIRL

Infantry Men Who Make Mistake in Crossing Bridge Are Arrested, but Soon Released.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 15.—American soldiers crossed the river into Juarez today by mistake and international trouble was threatened as a result. The soldiers were new men here and a company, to save time, attempted to go around from one international bridge to another on the Mexican side.

They were stopped by Mexican marauders and the whole town quickly was in arms. Cars have a special running, for Americans can not get across and the river is lined with armed Mexicans doing guard duty. The Americans are members of a battalion of the Eighteenth Infantry who came from Arizona Tuesday.

The Americans were under Lieut. H. W. Fields, who says he made a mistake. Later the Americans were released and the excitement abated.

#### CHLOROFORM MAN TO END AGONY IN BURNING TRAIN

Doctor Unable to Aid Victim, Passes Saturated Handkerchief to Him—Others Die.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 15.—Pinned under tons of wreckage and with his legs and one of his arms slowly roasting while the fire was creeping closer and closer to his body, Harry Corlies, a trainman on the Grand Trunk Railway, was chloroformed into unconsciousness by a doctor at Yarmouth to-day. Fifteen minutes later his body was a charred mass.

Corlies and two other trainmen met their deaths in a head-on freight wreck on the main line of the Grand Trunk. The train, running at more than thirty miles an hour, crashed head on just outside of Yarmouth. Both engines and nearly all of the cars piled in a tangled mass across the right of way. The other two men were instantly killed, but Corlies was alive and conscious when yard hands and citizens who had heard the crash, reached the scene. By that time the situation was hopeless.

Desperate efforts were made to release Corlies, but he could not be moved. The men worked until their own clothing was as black, but could do nothing, and when the fire reached the doomed man he begged pitifully to be put out of his misery.

In the crowd was Dr. George F. Bates who almost lost his own life in aiding Corlies. The physician heard the man's cries of agony and crawled under the car and passed a handkerchief soaked with chloroform to Corlies, who eagerly grasped it and soon became unconscious. The physician had barely withdrawn from beneath when the locomotive collapsed and was destroyed by fire.

The other two men who were burned to death were Freeman Ray Jordan of Yarmouth and brakeman Barnes of Island Pond.

The wreck is said to have been caused by a misunderstanding of orders.

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1.—Three Robbers Board Taxicab at Trinity Place and Rector Street; Beat Bank Messenger and Escape With \$25,000 in \$5 and \$10 Bills.

2.—Robbers Attack Jeweller Nemet in Store, No. 255 Broome Street, in Broad Day, Fire at Him; One Gets Away.

3.—Robbers Enter the Bank at No. 267 Elizabeth Street Early To-day, Blow Open the Safe and Get Away Before Police Arrive.

Five highwaymen, with the courage to work below the police "dead line" of the financial district, held up a taxicab to-day and robbed two bank messengers, who were inside, of \$25,000 in bills. The robbery was committed in broad daylight in one of the busiest streets of the city.

Three of the thieves boarded the taxicab. The other two, who were acting as aids and lookouts, ran behind it up the street.

The Evening World found two eye witnesses of the holdup. They saw the cab stopped, and after the three had forced their way aboard, watched it disappear up the street.

For more than half a dozen crowded blocks the robbers rode in the taxicab, two of them beating and choking the messengers so they could make no outcry, and the third sitting beside the chauffeur and holding a revolver against his side.

Two policemen were in Church street, along which the taxicab passed, and it must have gone within a few feet of each of them. The street itself was filled with vehicles and pedestrians, but no one knew what was happening until the robbers reached the end of their run and sprang from the taxicab. They ran up the "L" stairs and boarded a northbound train.

The two eye-witnesses of the holding up of the taxicab were Henry F. Markwalter, manager, and John Huber, bookkeeper, in the storehouse of Butler & Co. at No. 25 Trinity place. It was in front of this storehouse that the taxi was stopped by the five highwaymen. The storehouse is on the east side of Trinity place, between Exchange alley and Morris street, the street through which the taxicab turned westward from Broadway. Mr. Huber said to an Evening World reporter:

SAW TWO MEN ON SIDEWALK.

"As I came up to the doorway of the storehouse this morning I saw on the curb just before me a rough looking man, a tough looking person who was dressed in a dark brown suit and wore a gray cap. He had no overcoat on and when a man came up to him with a request for a light his hand trembled as he held up his cigarette. I thought it was on account of the cold. I had already passed about thirty feet below him another man, a young fellow with a brown raglan on. He, too, wore a gray cap. I noticed this man because I admired his overcoat; I'd like to have one like it."

"At the doorway Markwalter was standing and I spoke to him about the raglan. He called my attention to two men who were standing on opposite corners of Edgar street, which is just across the way from us. Also there was a fifth man who stood in the middle of the street."

"While we were talking a taxicab came northward along Trinity Place, and just as it was in front of us the five men closed in on it. The taxi stopped at once. One of the five men took his place with the chauffeur, while two of the others helped another two through the doors. They pushed the two men inside and closed the doors. In an instant the taxicab started off at full speed, the two men left in the roadway running after it up Trinity Place, holding to it until the speed became too fast."

"Markwalter and I thought this was a surprising thing, so we went out into the middle of the street and watched the taxicab as it sped away. Then we came back to the warehouse."

"One of the men who got into the cab was the fellow in the brown raglan coat, and one of the men who ran up the street was the tough fellow in the gray cap and brown suit I had noticed shivering on the curb. I am sure that I could identify either of these men, as I had a good opportunity to look at each of them."

Mr. Markwalter corroborated the story told by Mr. Huber, and said that he, too, was sure he would know two or three of the men should he ever see them again.

This robbery, one of the most daring this city has ever known, and the latest in a long series of similar crimes, occurred in Church street, just at the edge of New York's financial district, the robbers leaving the taxicab at the corner of Church street and Park place, one of the busiest corners in the city at the time of the theft.

TOOK \$25,000 IN SMALL BILLS.

The money was the property of the East River National Bank, which is at the corner of Broadway and Third street. It was made up of \$15,000 in five-dollar bills and \$10,000 in ten-dollar bills. The two messengers ap-